

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2013

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 104 of the Student Learning Center on the University of Georgia Griffin Campus on March 12, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Jimmy Allgood, Laurie Padgett, Maurice Redmond, Dr. Brian Forschler and Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA, CPCO, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. The Commission discussed adding clarification under “methods of application” on the guidance document. Mr. Gorecki noted the various types of formulations that can be used for the broadcast method of application, which are granular, bait, and liquid. The Commission agreed to keep the wording the same but add the formulation types to the description. To provide guidance on impervious surfaces on the specific areas treated guidance document, the Commission discussed and agreed to add under exterior sites “paved parking areas” and “sidewalks”.
- F. Dr. Dan Suiter, UGA’s associate professor of Entomology of the Griffin campus provided an update concerning recent funding, received from the University. Dr. Suiter stated that he plans to use the additional funds to revamp the training center. Dr. Suiter also mentioned UGA’s new identification guide, which identifies 75 different insects that could exist in a residential environment. The guide is in the process of being published and will be posted on the UGA Extension publications website. Mr. Lastinger announced funding provided by a three year EPA grant was being reallocated from agriculture pesticide applicator training to structural pesticide applicator training. This will allow GDA to award \$25,000 to help fund renovations for the Griffin Campus structural pest control training center. Dr. Suiter mentioned an upcoming termite and IPM workshops that the Entomology Department has scheduled at the training center. He also mentioned a 10 week Urban Pest Control Certificate program that meets every Thursday night this spring.
- G. Dr. Forschler mentioned that Dan Horton with UGA is the current coordinator for Pesticide Safety and IPM.
- H. Mr. Lastinger mentioned the Department’s participation in an event called the Healthy Schools Summit. The Summit was hosted by the US Green Building Council of Georgia Chapter. Mr. Lastinger participated on the IPM panel discussion.
- I. Mr. Lastinger updated the Commission on the Georgia Clean Day events. He stated that there have been three successful clean days. The program is on budget; however, GDA has

applied for additional funding from US EPA to hold a Georgia Clean Day in Gwinnett County for the structural pest control industry.

- J. Mr. Mulling provided the Commission with a compliance update. He noted that there has been a noticeable increase in cases involving forged signatures on documents. He described a recent case where unregistered technicians forged names of employees that were no longer with the company. Mr. Mulling also noted significant cases involving unlicensed and unregistered technicians involving the misuse of pesticides. Since July 2012, enforcement actions include: 164 warning letters, 34 consent/administrative orders. The total amount for monetary penalties was \$150,000 and the amount suspended was \$41, 700. There have been two company licenses and one certification revoked. Lastly, there has been 10 self-reports and 13 unlicensed operator cases.
- K. Mr. Taylor provided a license update. He noted that company licenses can now be emailed to companies. He reiterated that companies ensure their contact information is correct. He noted that training hours taken in January are now being processed, all course attendance should be updated by the May 1st deadline.
- L. Mr. Lastinger mentioned that there have been discussions of the Department offering live stream videos of Commission meetings at the GDA Macon Farmer's Market and GDA Tifton Lab. This opportunity will allow the industry easier access to Commission meetings.
- M. Mr. Lastinger announced that there will be a FIFRA scientific advisory panel meeting on March 19th-21st to discuss product performance standards and efficacy for insecticides claiming control for pests of public health or economic performance.
- N. Dr. Gerald Arkin, Assistant Dean of the UGA Griffin Campus welcomed the Commission and provided a campus update. He also offered to continue the partnership with GDA for meetings and trainings.
- O. Mr. Gorecki discussed 13 areas of proposed draft rules for the Commission to review and further discuss at the April Commission meeting. He asked the Commission to share their comments by April 2nd. The April meeting will be extended to allow more time to discuss the proposed draft rules.
- P. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM and applications for certification examination applications were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1:

Agenda

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Open – Chairman Gorecki

Welcome – Dr. Dan Suiter

Minutes

Old Business

- a. Methods of Application discussion
- b. Specific Areas Treated discussion

New Business

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki
- e. Department of Agriculture
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
 - Compliance Update – Mark Mulling
 - Georgia Clean Day Update
- f. National Issues Updates – Mr. Richard Bell – (Chairman NPMA Government Affairs Committee)

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- BAYMOOR PEST SOLUTIONS, Canton
- STIX PEST CONTROL, Sharpsburg
- PRIME PEST SOLUTIONS, Grayson
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The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information.

- CRAWLERS PEST MANAGEMENT (pending Insurance)
- NORATECH (pending Insurance)
- LOW COUNTRY EXTERMINATING (pending Insurance)
- BAWDEN SERVICES (pending Insurance)
- SPOTLESS PEST CONTROL (pending Insurance)
- TK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (pending Name Change and Insurance)
- STEVE'S PEST SERVICES (pending Name Change and Insurance)